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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

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Listing of Claims:

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- 1 (currently amended): A method of filtering messages received on a receiving telephone apparatus, the method comprising:
- receiving a message from a calling telephone;
 - applying a filtering rule to the message on the receiving phone, wherein the filtering rule comprises filtering the message if the telephone number of the calling telephone contains less than a predetermined number of digits; and
- executing a filtering process if the message satisfies the filtering rules.
 - 2-20 (cancelled).
- 21 (new): A method of filtering messages received on a receiving telephone apparatus, the method comprising:
 - receiving a message from a calling telephone;
 - applying a filtering rule to the message on the receiving phone; and
 - automatically deleting the message without informing a user of the receiving telephone apparatus before the user reads the message if the message satisfies
- the filtering rule.
 - 22 (new): A method of filtering messages received on a receiving telephone apparatus, the method comprising:
 - receiving a message from a calling telephone;
- applying a filtering rule to the message on the receiving phone, the filtering rule being stored in the receiving telephone apparatus; and
 - executing a filtering process if the message satisfies the filtering rule,

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wherein if a Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) card of the receiving telephone apparatus is full with messages from calling telephones, the receiving telephone apparatus automatically deletes a message that matches the filtering rule.

- 5 23 (new): The method of claim 22 wherein the message that is deleted is the first message that matches the filtering rule.
 - 24 (new): The method of claim 22 wherein the message that is deleted is the oldest message that matches the filtering rule.

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